BASIS FOR CLOSING COMMITTEE ON AWARDS AND FACILITIES ON OCTOBER 31, 2019

On October 21, 2019 the Executive Committee (EC) of the National Science Board voted to close the teleconference meeting of the Committee on Awards and Facilities (A&F), scheduled for October 31, 2019 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. EDT. All EC Members—Drs. Córdova, Souvaine, Ochoa, Phillips and Zuber—voted "yes" to close the teleconference. The agenda is: Discussion of the principles underlying the solicitation for a future NEON operations and maintenance award.

The Board Members, Committee Executive Secretary and National Science Board Office staff including the Executive Officer, Liaison, and Board Counsel are expected to attend the closed teleconference meeting. The justification for closing the meeting is provided in the attached certificate.

CERTIFICATE

It is my opinion that the teleconference meeting of the A&F Committee, scheduled for October 31, 2019 may properly be closed to the public under 5 USC § 552b (c) (4), (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k).

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